

# I-110 Adams Terminus Improvement Project

Public Scoping Meeting 11-9-21



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# Thanks for joining us!

## Agenda

6:00 pm	Welcome!
6:05 pm	Project Presentation
6:35 pm	Public Comment Session*
7:55 pm	Next Steps

*\*We will accommodate as many comments as possible based on the allotted amount of time.*



# The Environmental Scoping Process



# Scoping Purpose & Your Role

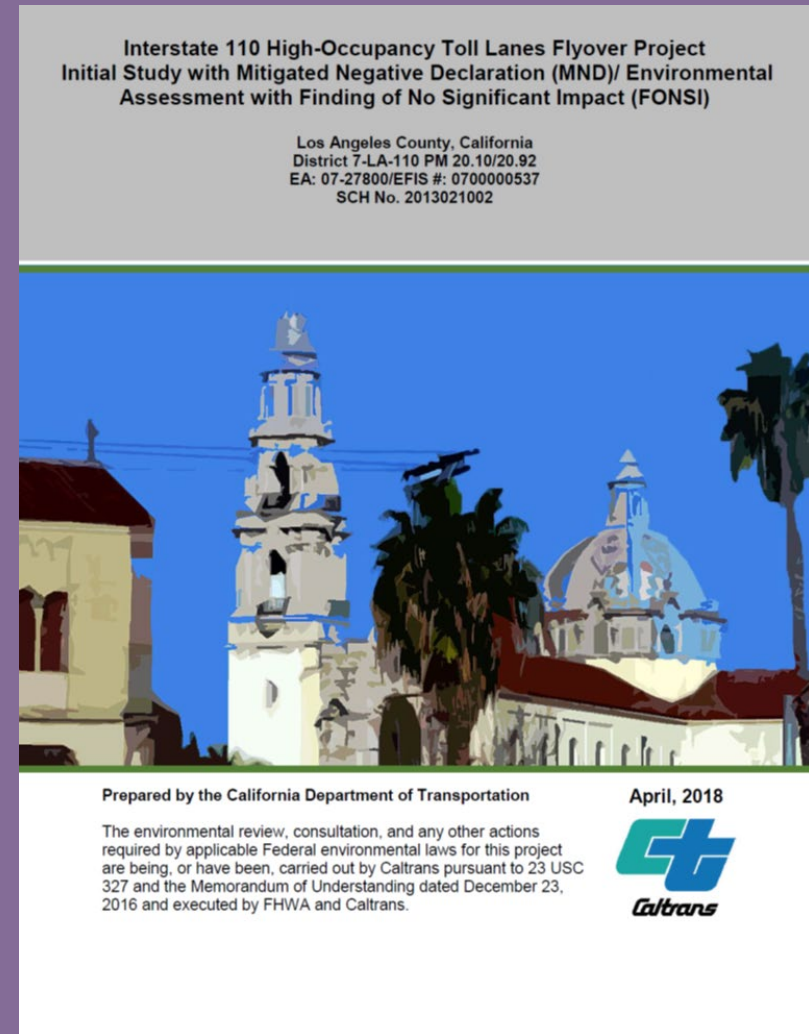
- **Scoping is the first step in the environmental review process**
- **What is scoping?**
  - A process that helps refine the purpose and the scope of the project
  - Determines major issues for environmental analysis
  - Identifies project goals and evaluation criteria
- **What is the public's role?**
  - Help us better understand the project area
  - Provide comments, input and project relevant information
  - Stay involved

# The Environmental Scoping Process

- **The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) says:**
  - Scoping is an early and open process for determining the scope of issues to be addressed and for identifying the significant issues related to a proposed action or project
- **The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) says:**
  - Scoping is designed to examine a proposed project early in the EIR analysis/review process and is intended to identify the range of issues pertinent to the proposed project and feasible alternatives or mitigation measures to avoid potentially significant environmental effects
  - EA/EIR is (or can be) a combined federal and state document

# Project Background

- In April 2018, Caltrans released the final environmental document (Mitigated Negative Declaration/Finding of No Significant Impact)
- Preferred alternative in the 2018 environmental document was an elevated flyover off ramp connecting the existing I-110 Adams off-ramp directly to Figueroa Street



# Roles and Responsibilities

- Caltrans and Metro are reactivating environmental and engineering studies for this project
- Caltrans is the CEQA/NEPA Lead Agency and is preparing an Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Assessment (EIR/EA)
- Metro is leading community outreach

# What is Being Considered

- The No Build Alternative (Alternative 1) also must be evaluated
  - Represents what would happen if no action was taken
  - Provides a comparison point to understand impacts of the proposed build alternatives
- Two Build Alternatives (Alternatives 2 & 3) are currently under preliminary consideration

**Note:** At this stage, no alternative has been selected and no determination has been made to proceed with improvements or any alternatives.

# Build Alternatives Under Consideration

- The EIR/EA will include two build alternatives:
  - An elevated flyover
  - An at-grade arterial alternative traveling east on Adams Blvd. and north on Hill/Olive Streets.

# Project Purpose

- The purpose of the project is to alleviate congestion on the Adams Blvd. off-ramp, managed HOT lanes (ExpressLanes), and associated nearby intersections.



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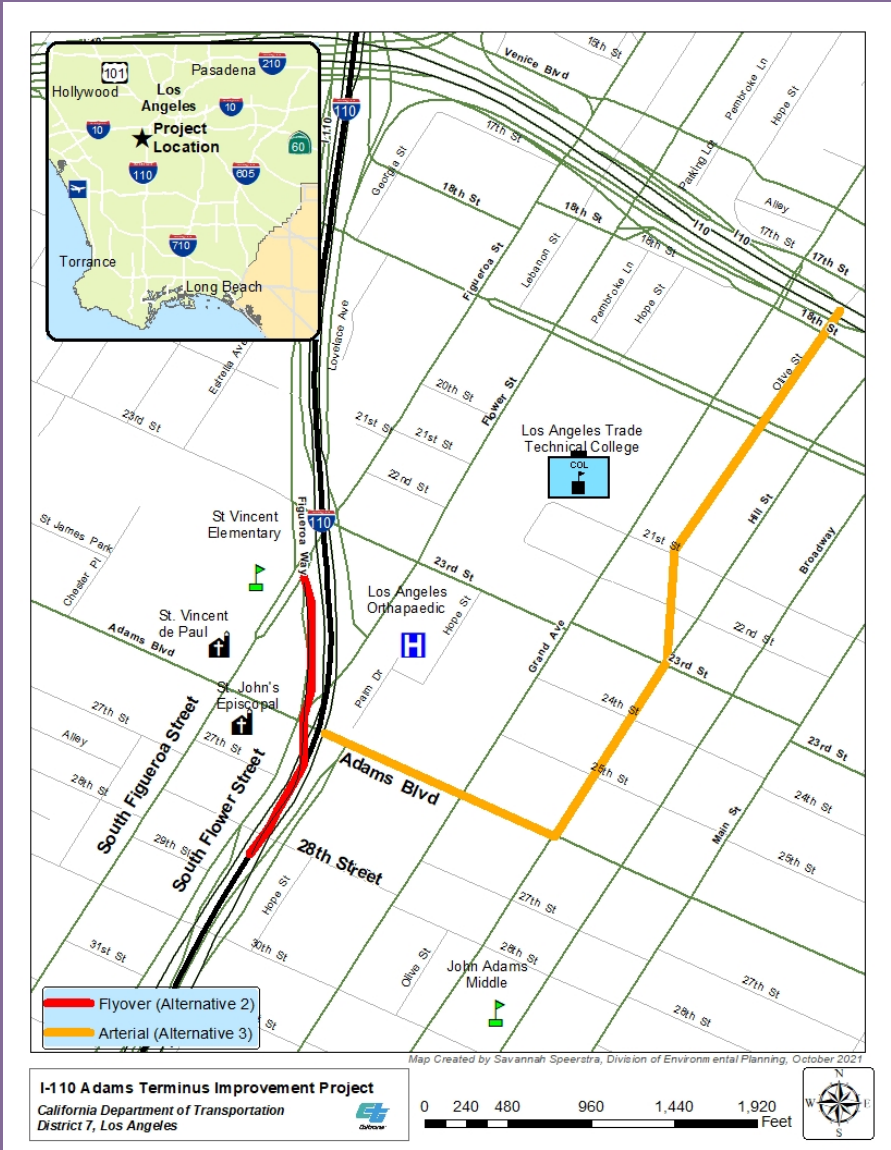
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# Project Need

- Congestion due to high vehicle volume and confluence of the I-110 Adams off-ramps (ExpressLanes and General Purpose lanes), Flower Street, Figueroa Way, and the Metro E (Expo) Line
- Higher than average accident rate
- Daily traffic volume is recovering to pre-COVID levels

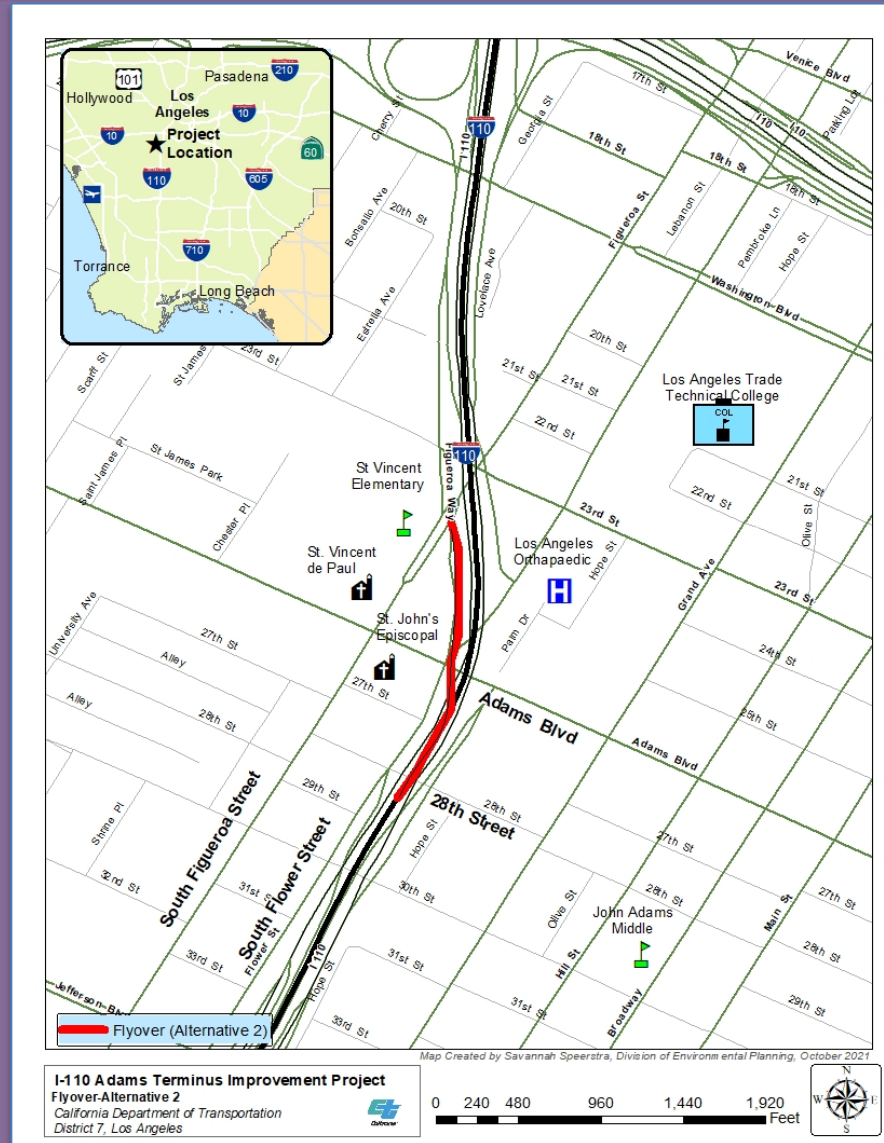
# Project Area



## Alternative 2: Flyover Ramp

- An approximately 1400' long flyover ramp
  - Extends from the end of the ExpressLanes, touching down at the Figueroa St/Figueroa Way Intersection
  - Figueroa Way would be closed to vehicular traffic and converted to pedestrian plaza & bike/pedestrian travel
  - Would be constructed on existing Caltrans right of way

# Alternative 2: Flyover Ramp Map

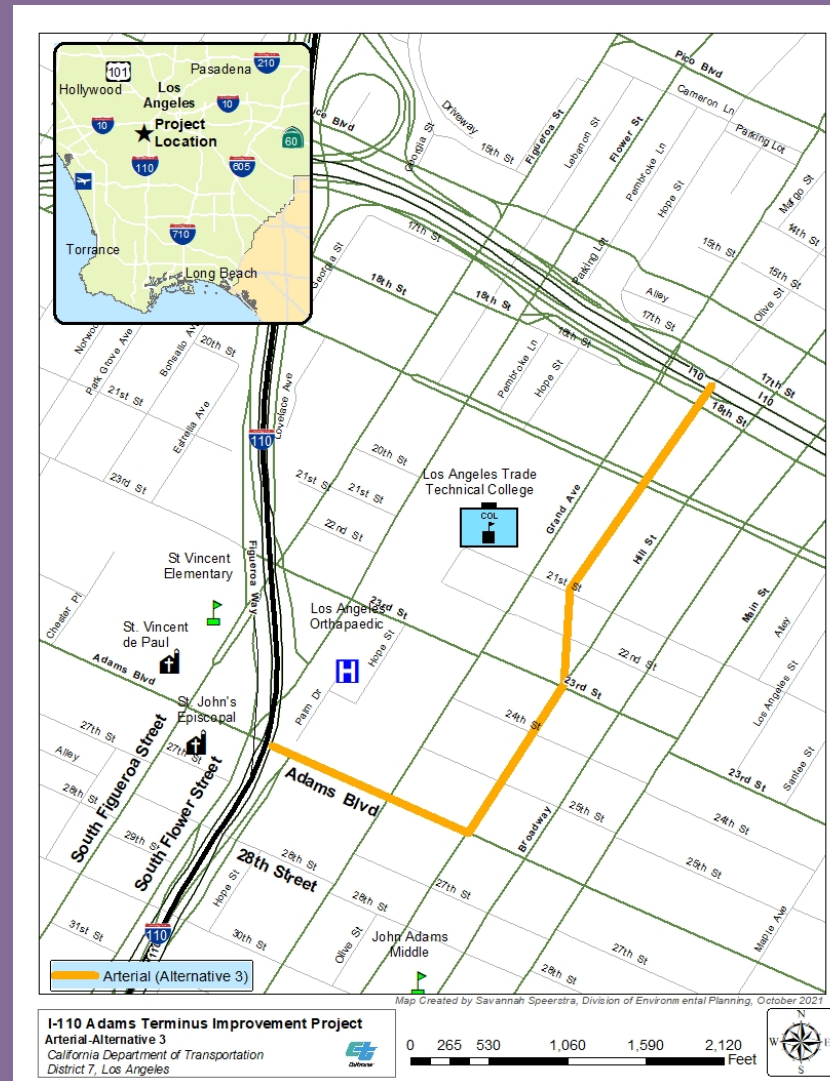


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## Alternative 3: Arterial Alternative

- Uses the existing I-110 ExpressLanes off-ramp
  - Continues east (right) onto Adams blvd. until Hill St.
  - Left (north) onto Hill Street and then continuing onto Olive St. until 18th Street
- This alternative assumes only the existing arterial right of way will be used

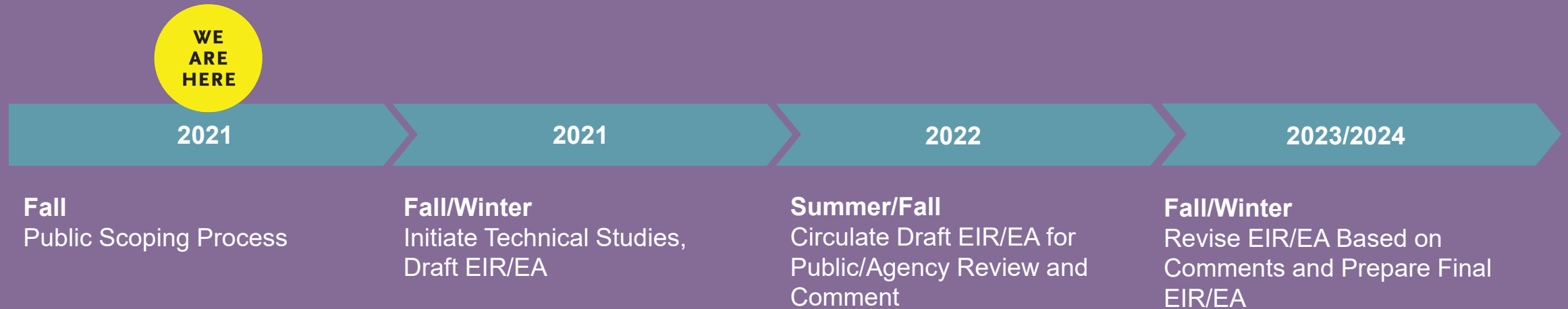
# Alternative 3: Arterial Alternative Project Map



# Anticipated Environmental Considerations to be Studied

- Air Quality
- Aesthetics/Visual
- Biological Resources
- Community Impact Study
- Cultural Resources
- Cumulative Analysis
- Environmental Justice/Equity
- Hazards and Hazardous Materials
- Hydrology/Water Quality
- Noise
- Right-of-way (ROW)
- Transportation/Traffic
- Utilities/Service Systems

# Key Milestones: Environmental Process



ONGOING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

# Public Scoping Comment Session







# How to Prepare a Public Scoping Comment

- **Public scoping comments should focus on the project's:**
  - Purpose and need
  - Alternatives
  - Environmental issues (*see below*)
  - Local projects
- **Use the following prompts to help frame your public scoping comments:**
  - What I like...
  - What I wish...
  - What I suggest...

## Environmental Issues/Topics (partial)

- Air Quality
- Aesthetics
- Biological Resources
- Community Impacts Study
- Cultural Resources
- Cumulative Impacts
- Environmental Justice/Equity
- Hazards/Hazardous Materials
- Hydrology/Water Quality
- Noise
- Right-of-Way
- Transportation/Traffic
- Utilities/Service Systems

# How to Prepare a Public Scoping Comment

- **Official Scoping Period (47 days)**
  - Starts: Monday, October 25th
  - Ends: Friday, December 10th
- Public scoping comments will be received at public scoping meetings and via:
  - Mail
  - Email
  - Project hotline
- **Comments can be submitted via the following:**
  -  Susan Tse Koo, Senior Environmental Planner  
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Division of Environmental Planning  
100 S. Main Street - MS 16A  
Los Angeles, CA 90012
  -  [110adamsproject@metro.net](mailto:110adamsproject@metro.net)
  -  213.863.6346
  -  Public Scoping Meetings
    - Sat., November 6, 2021, 10am–12pm
    - Tues., November 9, 2021, 6–8pm

# Thank You

## Methods of Commenting

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 Review scoping meetings from Nov 6 & Nov 9 at  
[metro.net/110adamsproject](http://metro.net/110adamsproject)

**Comments are due by December 10, 2021.**

## Stay Connected

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